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NEWS AND NOTES

A Summary of Important Events.

SENATOR CORRLING has been on a of Mr. Garfield, as is stated by the Senator's

the "iron-clad" prohibition bill. Its provisions, as indicated, are of the most stringent

Ir is announced, apparently upon zation of the new Senate.

THE proposed International Monetary Conference will take place at Paris on the 19th of April. Invitations bearing French | and American signatures have been issued.

As the result of Senator Conkling's visit to Mentor, it is reported that Mr. Levi P. Morton will have a place in President Carfield's Cabinet-probably as Secretary of

PRESIDENT HAYES has withdrawn the nomination of Mr. Forster as United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and it is said will nominate a man sat- land, only the Chief Mate, McCreechy, and isfactory to Mr. Conkling.

THE Texas Senate committee have reported favorably on the bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the sale, manufacture and giving away of intoxicating liquors within the State.

THIRTEEN more Socialists have unyears'imprisonment, another to six months' confinement, and eleven were acquitted.

PARNELL has issued an address to the Land League. In response to a request that he would go to America, he says he deems it his duty to remain in Ireland and to occupy his seat in Parliament during the present

THE Sundry Civil Appropriation bill

Means have elected J. Randoph Tucker, of Virginia, Chairman, to succeed Fernando Trader, but the change, it is thought, will make no material difference in the status of the committee on the Tariff question.

THE Michigan Greenbackers have held a State Convention and nominated John B. Shipman, of Coldwater, for Judge of the Supreme Court, and Charles G. Willets, of Gratiot, and David Parsons, of Detroit, for Regents of the State University. There was no talk of a Democratic coalition.

KING, Reform candidate for Mayor of Philadelphia, beats Stokely, Republican, by several thousand majority; and Hunter, opposition candidate for Receiver of Taxes, Is also successful. The minor Republican can-didates are elected. Major Lyon, Citizens' candidate for Mayor of Pittsburgh, is also

THE Emperor's speech at the opening of the Reichrath refers pointedly to the peaceful relations of Germany with neighbor- House of Commons, in response to an ining empires, which is interpreted as an Indi- | quiry, the Home Secretary said the power to cation of renewal of intimate relations with open letters in transit through the post is Russia. The speech also announces a stamp | reserved to the Home Secretary for exercise tax, brewing tax and workman's insurance in exceptional cases. He declined to make and trade guilds tax.

In consequence of Russia's advance on Herat by river and valley, Ayoob Khan has declared war against the Ameer and already occupied Maimand. It is reported from Candahar that a division of the Ameer's army, consisting of four regiments of infantry and 1,000 eavalry, had arrived at Ghuzni. The news caused a great sensation.

A DISPATCH from Rome announces that F. Janssens, Vicar General of Richmond, has been appointed Bishop of Natchez, made vacant by the appointment of Bishop Elder to be Administrator of the archdiocese of Cincinnati, with the right of succession. J. C. Neraz, Administrator of nnee, \$300,000. the diocese of San Antonio, Texas, has been named Bishop of that See.

THE Pension Appropriation bill, as passed by the House, appropriates \$68,282,-306.68, the largest sum ever set apart for of coal and provisions. Sioux City has been pensions in any single bill in this country, and it is said that it exceeds any pension appropriation ever made by any Govern-The Arrearages bill and the pensioning of the soldiers of the war of 1812 have caused the enormous increase in the pension list. Over 35,000 persons, including the widows of soldiers, are on the roll as entitled to pensions for services rendered in

Mormon President, has been arrested in has been for some time considered in a Denver, by a United States officer, upon a shaky condition, on account of limited capicharge of bigamy. It is reported the tal and unsafe risks. arrest was made at the instance of Young's first wife, Libbie Canfield, Village, near Pittsfield, Mass., burned on whom he married in Philadelphia the morning of the 17th. Wood and his some years ago, under the promise that he eight children barely escaped. He then rewould not practice polygamy. Notwithe turned to save some goods and was burned standing his promise, however, within two years married other woman, Luella Cobb, of Salt Lake, and his first wife then left him and returned home, but has recently come West again.

THE Mississippi River gets the following appropriations under the River and Harbor bill: From Cairo to mouth of river. \$100,000; above Alexandria, \$6,000; Cape her clothing also too Girardeau, \$10,000; from Des Moines Rapids , were fatally burned. to the mouth of the Illinois River, \$175,000; and the Ohio, \$60,000; Dubuque, \$500; Hannihal, Natchez and Vidalia, \$50,000; \$8,000; Des Moines Rapids, \$25,000; operating canal at Des Moines, \$10,000.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

CHRISTIAN MARRGART and wife were suffocated at Milwaukee by gas from a coal-

Haves by British agents that the Irishvisit to Mentor, upon the express invitation American sympathizers with the Parnellite movement contemplate an invasion of Cana-THE Kansas Legislature has passed The President says he will look after the matter

F. A. McCLAIN, in the employ of the Roberts Torpedo Company, was driving along the highway, fifteen miles southeast of good authority, that Senator David Davis of nitro-glycerine. The horses became will vote with the Democrats in the organifrightened and ran against a bowlder, causing an explosion. McClain was torn to

> THE Lancashire (Eng.) colliers are on a strike. LIEUT. PIERCY ROPER, Royal Engi- thought Sutton would die.

neers, was found shot dead in Brompton Barracks. A revolver was found lying some distance away. The murder is believed to have been committed by a F. nian. THREE steamers have been chartered

to convey British troops to South Africa. OF a crew of eighteen men of the ship Neomanton, lost on the coast of Newfound-Seaman Dooley were saved.

Ar Lee Mines, Colo., a giant-powder cartridge laid under the stove exploded. Four men were injured.

THE small-pox is said to be spreading badly in Chicago.

GEORGE M. ROUSH, a wealthy stockraiser, living near Bloomington, Ill., died dergone trial at Vienna. One was con- about three years ago, of what was thought victed of high treason and sentenced to four to be heart disease. It is now reported that Peter, the second son of deceased, died recently in northern Iowa, after making the confession that he murdered his father by putting poison in a glass of water standing ut his bedside.

ALL branches of labor in the mills at Fall River, Mass., have voted to strike, the date to be kept secret.

sumption exploded her donkey boiler at New

great excitement throughout the camp, which was hightened by the influx of a num-Wood, deceased. Mr. Tucker is a Free per of armed men from Kokomo, an adjoining town, some of whom were friends of the miners and others in sympathy with the socalled "law and order" party. A serious collision seemed likely to occur between the

> THE St. Louis police imbroglio has been settled by the deposition of Boland as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners and the reappointment of McDonough as

Chief, with plenary powers. SEVERAL cases of trichinosis have occurred at Rondout, N. Y.

EIGHT Indians lost their lives by the recent floods in the neighborhood of Ilges' camp at Poplar River. THE headquarters of the Land League

are to be removed to Paris. It is alleged that mail communications have been tampered with by Government officials, and all important communications will henceforth be dispatched by special courier. In the any statement as to whether it had been recently exercised.

THE boiler in Bush's mill, in Isabella County, Mich., exploded on the 16th, killing Andrew Gearheart and wounding four

THE United States National Bank of New York has been organized with Gen. Grant, H. Victor Newcomb, H. F. Vail, Morris K. Jessup, Henry B. Hyde, Logan C. Murray, W. K. Trayers and John J. McCook as Directors. H. Victor Newcomb becomes President and Logan C. Murray, Cashier.

PIERCE's Palace Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y., was entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of the 16th. Loss, \$350,000; insur-

THERE are sixteen cases of small-pox at Calliope, Sioux County, Iowa, 43 miles north of Sioux City, and they are unable to procure nurses for the sick or help to bury the dead, and are also cut off from supplies called upon to aid the stricken community. GEORGE RICKETT, a planter, his daughter Martha, and a colored man, were

drowned west of Weathersford, Tex., by the falling of a bridge over Thompson's Creek. THE Missouri Valley Bank at Kansas City suspended payment on the 17th, after a brief run. The bank officials claimed they would be able to resume again in a few days and pay dollar for dollar. The bank holds JOHN W. YOUNG, son of the late about \$190,000 on deposit. The institution

JOHN WOOD'S house at Washington

to death. V. SNELL, of Crescent City, Ill., was instantly killed by a railroad accident on the Wabash at East Hannibal, Ill., on the 17th.

MRS. ANN MCCARTHY, of Clifton Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., fell and broke an oil lamp which set fire to her clothing. Mrs. Eliza Martin rushed to her assistance when her clothing also took fire. Both women

Ar the close of the Laprade murder between the mouth of the Illinois trial, at Springfield, Tenn., on the night of opposite the 18th, a mob rushed into the court-room. \$25 .- took the five murderers to the veranda of the second story and hung them. Attorneyabove St. Anthony's Falls, \$1,000; from St. General Bell, with a posse, tried to Paul to Des Moines Rapids, \$200,000; Quin- stop them at the door of the countey, \$10,000; ganging the waters of the Missis- room, but in vain. One hundred shots were sippl, etc., \$50,000; Upper Mississippi, (ope- fired during the excitement. Judge Stark rating snag-boats, building light-draught had just charged the jury when the mob took steamers, etc.) \$23,000; Rock Island Rapids, out the prisoners, with whom the Sheriff nt to start to tail. John and Cleero Poc. two of the men executed, were said to Yankton. The House considered the Agri- nearly sixty.

be desperadoes of the most hardened thar-

FRANK TWIGGS, convicted of the murder of Wm. Driscoll, of Burke County, Ga., in November last, and sentenced to be hanged Ir has been intimated to President the 28th of January, but reprieved by the Governor, was hanged at Waynesboro on the 18th. Twiggs protested his innocence.

FRANK SPALDING and another man named Drentfe, engaged in chopping wood near Pevely, Mo., are missing, and their bones are supposed to have been found in the burned ruins of the shanty occupied by them and two companions. Foul play is suspected, and one of the other Bradford, Pa., in a sleigh, with 200 pounds men, a son of old man Drentle, is in jail at

Belle Nichols, keeper of a disreputable house at Muncie, Ind., successfully deminee-meat, both horses were killed, and no evidences of the sleigh could be found.

fended her door against the assaults of two drunken men named Bill Wart and Lou Suts ton. With a 22-caliber pistol she put six balls into Sutton and one into Wart. It was

THE Essex Cotton Mills at North Bennington, Vt., and the New Franklin Paper Mills at Hamilton, O., burned on the night of the 17th. The loss in each case was about \$35,000, nearly covered by insurance.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

FEB. 14.—The Senate further considered the Postal Appropriation bill. The subsidy clause was laid on the table, by a vote of 34 to cinuse was laid on the table, by a vote of M to 14, and the bill passed. The Cattle Diseases bill was taken up and considered at some length.... In the House Mr. Stephenson presented resolutions of the lilinois Legislature, urging the passage of such a measure as will relieve the commerce of the country from unjust discrimination by railroad corporations, and protect inter-State commerce by law. The Speaker announced the death of Representative Wood of New York and the House contains who of New York and the House sentative Wood, of New York, and the House adjourned out of respect to his memory.

FEB. 15 .- The Senate took up the Funding bill, and Mr. Bayard explained the amend: ments of the Senate Finance Committee, and advocated the three and one-half per cent. rate and a 5-20 bond.....The House further considered the River and Harbor bill in Committee of the Whole. The desk recently oc-cupled by Fernando Wood was draped in black and decorated with a handsome basket

FEB. 16 .- The Senate Committee on Forelen Relations reported a resolution declar-THE Bayou Lafourche packet As- ing that the consent of this Government is a sumption exploded her donkey boiler at New Orleans on the 15th, killing a negro laborer and seriously injuring several other persons.

Si8,000; Memphis, \$100,000; Nashville, \$100,000; Topeka, \$90,000; Chicago, \$20,000; Cincinnati, \$350,000.

A serious conflict has occurred at Beyrout, Syria, between the Christians and Turks, brought on by a Turk murdering a Christian. Ten persons in all are reported killed. The excitement was intense and all business was suspended and the bazaars were closed.

The House Committee on Ways and Means have elected J. Randoph Tucker, of necessary condition precedent to the con-Placed on the calendar. Mr. McDonaid addressed the Senate spon the subject of equality of taxation. His remarks were devoted to an elaborate discussion of the tariff, illustrative of the alleged inequalities of taxation engendered by a protective system.....

The House met in continuation of the previous day's session, an intermission only having hose takes and no addengement. day's session, an intermission only having been taken, and no adjournment. Cons dera-tion of the River and Harbor bill was con-tinued; the bill was completed in committee, reported to the House, the previous question was seconded and the main question ordered,

when the House adjourned. FEB. 17 .- The Senate perfected the Funding bill in Committee of the Whole. The amendment of the Senate Committee, flxing the interest rate at 314 instead of 3 per cent. as fixed by the House, was rejected-yeas, 22 mays, 33. A number of minor amendments were adopted. The River and Harbor Appro-priation bili was received from the House and read a first time.....The House passed the River and Harbor bill—yeas, 163: nays, 84—sub-stantially in the form reported from commit-tee. The amount appropriated is \$10,149,800. The Pension Appropriation bill passed.

FEB. 18 .- The Senate passed the Funding bill, the vote being-yeas, 43; nays, 20. The bill now goes to the House for concurrence in the Semate amendments—namely, a 4-20 in-stend of 5-10 bund, compensation of 1-2 in-tead of 1-4 of 1 per cent. for placing the loan, a provision for popularizing the loan in the sense of having it taken by the people, and several verbal alterations....The House considered the Agricultural Appropriation bill in Committee of the Whole.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 19th rays there is no probability of an extra session of Congress, the important business of the ses ion being in such shape that it can be re dily disposed of before the fourth of

ROBERT WOLF shot and killed Alfred Cart at Danesville, W. Va., for having grievously wronged his daughter.

A FIRE at Monroc, La., destroyed the steamer Fair Play and the wharfboat Katie, together with 1,300 bales of cotton and a lot of general merchandise. Eddie Hancock, a printer, was burned to death on the Fair Play. Others escaped without clothing or baggage. Loss about \$80,000; insurance, \$40,000. Incendiarism is suspected.

L. D. GREEN was instantly killed at Sunbury, O., by being struck by a piece of a circular saw which broke while running at a high rate of speed, penetrating to his

AT a masked ball of the students of the Academy of Painting at Berlin, on the 18th four students were burned to death. four others have since died from their injuries, and four more were slightly burned. The disaster resulted from one of the number, who was dressed as an Esquimaux, accidentally setting his costume on fire and rushing in among a lot of others attired in equally inflammable materials.

THE wife and infant child of Wm. A. Crandall, of Milibank, Minn., were recently found frozen to death near their home, from which the wife was driven two days before by her brutal husband. There were marks of violence on her person, showing the most outrageous treatment, if not actual murder, Mrs. Crandall is said to have been a most estimable and affectionate woman.

THE boiler in Perkins, Randolph & Co.'s saw-mill, at Poplar Bluff, Mo., exploded on the 19th. The fireman, named Campbell, is probably fatally injured. The cause of the accident is not known.

A FRE at Silver Cliff, Colo., on the 20th, destroyed about a dozen business buildings, valued with contents at about

A FIRE at Warsaw, Mo., on the night of the 18th, destroyed the Times office, together with the book-store attached, Roll's drug-store, Clark's dry-goods store and Lee's grocery and butcher shop. The Times office was uninsured-loss about \$3,000, Other losses are nearly covered by insur-

In the Senate, on the 19th, a number of amendments to the River and Harbor bill were proposed, among them one by Mr. Saunders for an appropriation of \$1,138,000 for cultural Appropriation bill

OCCURRENCES OF INTEREST.

A Brass Brick Sold for Gold. POLICE circles are convulsed over the nest and complete manner in which one of the smart men of Chicago has been taken in by an old process. James B. Storey keeps a private loan and real-estate office in the Union Building, corner of LaSalle and Washington streets. He has always had the reputation of being somewhat shrewd, and was the last person in soft enough to allow himself to be "played for a sucker." A short time since Mr. Storey had

occasion to go to the Hot Springs of Arkansas, that balmy locality where rheumatism is sup posed to give up the ghost. He took with sim a large amount of hard each and a considerable sum in greenbacks, and left a fat bank account behind him as a reserve in case of emergency. Now it hapcountry learned of the presence of Mr. Storey at the Hot Springs with "a barrel of mores."
They immediately decided to "wart him for all he was worth." In this undertaking they

were eminently successful. They tried the brass brick "racket." They informed Mr. Storey that the brick in their possession was a very valuable one, all gold, and the mysterious manner in which they are said to have conducted the negotiations led Mr. Storey to believe all that they said. To make a long story short, the gentleman is alleged to have parted with \$1,500 in bool bash, and to have become the unhappy possessor of a fine brass brick, thus losing the entire sum invested. It is said that Mr. Storey is making every effort to re-

cover the lost money, but thus far he has not

met with any success.-Chicago Journal.

The Thirteen and Seventeen-Year Locusts. PROFESSOR C. V. RILEY, Chief of the United States Entomological Commission, who has been spending a couple of days in the city, left last night for Washington, Meeting a Republican reporter yesterday afterneon, the Professor called his attention to a dispatch sent out from Washington last week, in which a siftement was imputed to him that the locusts or grasshoppers were going to be bad the coming season. This statement, the Professor said, was incorrect. It was a misapprehension of the language tised by him in the course of some remarks made by him before the District of Columbia Horticultural Society. His remarks were in relation to the seventeenyear locusts, more properly known as the "cleada," a totally different insect—one hav-ing no power to do great injury. Of this insect the Professor said there would be two distinct broods, the thirteen-year and the seventeen-year varieties, which will appear in a large portion of the country, say in about a dozen different States, including Missouri and most of the Mississippi Valley States. Their appearance will be in May and June. Prof: Elley stated that the simultaneous appearance of the thirteen and seventeen-year broods but not occurred before since the year 1000 in the same places where they will appear this year. The cleads are not destructive like the pests known as grasshoppers or locusts. They have got a sucking beak and therefore cannot deyour anything. The only injury they can do puncturing the twies of fruit and forest trees.

to make hole in which to lay her eggs. Regarding the grasshopper proper P of. Riley sail the prospects as to injury from them are quite favorable, as is judged from the observations made by the United States Entomological Commission last year. He said he had no reason to fear any serious injury It was found last summer that the eggs and insects in the natural breeding grounds of the Northwest were scarce.-St. Louis Republican.

A Remarkable Case.

An accident occurred on Monday at Ramey Clarion County, which proved to be one of the most extraordinary cases ever recorded in the history of surgery or medical jurisprudence James Gaupell, a French Canadian employed at Ramey's mill, fell from a trestle about twelve feet to the ground. After recovering from the shock resulting from the fall, he was unable to move his head, and Dr. Edwards, attending physician, discovered that the neck was dislocated and some of the bones broken; but it was evident that the spinal column had not been severed. The doctor reset and put the fractured neck in position, and set about devising means put it in place until the broken benes and contused l'gaments attain their normal condition. To this end a mustin bandage three inches wide was wrapped tightly around the either side. To these a rope was fastened and run over a pulley fixed to the ceiling of the room. A bucket was suspended on the other end of the rope and in it we e placed various weights, so that the patient can adjust the con trivance as occasion may require by simply reaching to the bucket and removing or adding me or two weights. He remains in a sitting posture, and should any slight change of posttion occur, the tension of the rope will still support the weight of the head. With these appliances for his support, the unfortunate man will have to remain practically in the same position until the laju of parts become united or death ends the case .- Pittsburgh

What a Little Girl Did. Away back in the wildest part of this county, among the mountains and forests of the sparsely settled town of Hardenburg, a place it takes a week to communicate with not far from the little hamlet of Inverwood. and near the place where Rev. J. C. Beecher, a brother of Roy. Henry Ward Beecher, preaches, lives little Nellie Osborn, a child of six years. Her father and mother were both suddenly stricken with fever, being unable to leave their beds. Living in an isolated place, far from neighbors, and being cantily supplied with the necessaries of life at this severe and inclement season with snow lying three or four feet deep everywhere, the situation may be imagined. Little Nellie did all she could to alleviate the sufferings of her parents in every way. It was bitter cold, their rude little house offered poor resistance to the winds, the bed-covering was not abundant, and the supply of fire-wood finally gave out. The little girl took her wooden playthings and tried to keep the fire going with them. Then she kneeled by the couch of her sick mother and prayed: "Please. dear Lord, send a big, good man to help us." Help came in the person of James McGavitt, a lumberman of the mountains, who found the family in the condition stated, and afforded prompt relief. Little Nellie became sick with the fever afterward. Assistance has now been offered by a charitable lady of Irvington, whose sympathy was excited by the child's sacrifice of her toys .-- Kingston (N. Y.) Letter.

An Incident of the Flood at Toledo. MRS. CASNER, who has lived in the Bethel for the past five years, on Friday night retired about 10:30, and was awakened shortly after by the noise of splashing waters. Her son Charles, aged about twenty-two, was also aroused by the noises, and took in the situation. He went to the front door, at the sam time calling upon his mother to hurry. Mrs. Casner, desirous of saving at least a portion of her clothing, was gathering what she could in a moment of time, "Mother, no time; hurry!" called her son, but before she could gain the outside door the rushing waters out off her escape. Her son, strong in body and love for his lame mother, shouldered the pre-cious burden and carried her through the isod

to the building occupied by Superintendent Curtiss and Kline. The family lose all the had.—Tolodo (O.) Telegram. THERMOMETERS reform late in life: the Missouri River between its mouth and they never become "temperate" until Wanted to be an Editor.

"HAVE you had any experience in the business?" we asked of a verdant-looking youth, who applied for an editorial position, the other day.

"Haven't I, though," he replied, as he shoved one foot under his chair to hide the unskillful patching of a backthe world who would be suspected of being some experience; have not I corresoft enough to allow himself to be "played for sponded with the Pumpkinville Screamer

"That will do very well," we replied, "but when we take young men on our editorial staff we generally put them through an examination. How much is twelve times one?"

"Hold on, please; don't be too fast. How many bones are there in a human body?" "Well, I forgot now, but I just to

know wuntz.' "What! don't you know that? Why. the e are 7,482,654,444 bones in an ordinary man. A man that snores has one more bone than other people." "What bone is that?"

"The trombone. It is situated somewhere in the nose. You will not forget that, will you pit He said he wouldn't.

" Have you a good constitution? How long do you suppose you could live on raw cotton and faith, and do the work of a domesticated elephant?"
"Lord, I don't believe I could live

more'n a week." "Well, that's about as long as you'd mark: want to live if you got an editorial position on this paper. You appear to be pretty well posted; we shall ask you one more question, and if you prove equal to it you can take off your coat and sail

"Let me have 'er, squire; I didn't correspond with the Pumpkinville Screamer six weeks for nothin. Let her

come; I'm on deck, I am." "Well, sir, if two diametrical circles, with octagonal peripheres should collide with a centrifugal idiosyncrasy, or, to put it plainer, we say a dissenfranchised nonenity-what effect would the catastrophe exert on a crystallized codfish suspended by the tail from the homoge-

neous rafters of the empyrean?" As the full force of this ponderous problem broke upon his bewildered brain he slowly dragged his artistically on" cobbled shoe from under his chair and started from the room: We then placidly resumed our duties, regretting that "weighed in the balance and found

Teaching Politeness.

SCHOOL boards in the South and West are following the example of that of St Louis, in requiring teachers to instruct their pupils in "ctiquetto."

What is etiquette? It is suggested by one writer that the boys be instructed to salute the Mayor of the city by taking off their caps on passing him in the street. To this a democrat replies by asking, "Why salute the Mayor rather than any other man?" In some of our cities, as they were governed a few years ago, this question would have

been a poser. Let the boys do as they like about over him un sainting the Mayor. We believe, how, ever, that a little instruction in what is commonly called etiquette would be both acceptable and useful to boys and girls. Many of them would be grateful for being told what to do and how to do

way is. There is a best way of girls acknowledging and returning such an act

An occasional lesson in table-manners would not be ill bestowed in some of our

schools. But the great lesson to be inculcated is, that people should have manners and use them. It is not necessary to salute the Mayor, but it is grossly barbarous for members of the same household, or of the same class, to meet and part without some exchange of kindly and respectful greeting. The mere mode of doing this has its importance, but the was a stranger. thing indispensable is to do it.

By all means let politeness be taught, both by precept and example; and more than this, a good teacher should unconsciously give a lesson in this lovely art every time he speaks and every twenty years, if we work the case." time he moves .- Youth's Companion.

Railroading in Winter.

During the recent cold weather, the

traveling public has been loud in its complaints about the delay of trains on the railroads. Even when there was no obstruction of the tracks by snow or otherwise, it has been remarked that the trains are uniformly run at such a slow pace as to try the patience of passengers. If travelers who are thus annoved knew the reason for this caution and they can sometimes learn it from a quiet talk with the conductor-they would cease their grumbling about the delay. The truth is that railroad employes are far more apprehensive of accidents during cold weather than the traveling public. They know the num-ber of broken rails and broken wheels that are daily occurring on the best built and best managed railroads, but which are carefully concealed from the traveling public. They may not be able to fully explain the action of extreme cold weather upon the tracks, wheels and running gear of railroads, but they know the fact and appreciate the danger of high speed when the thermometer is thirty or forty degrees below the freezing point. It is a fact, which inquiry at the proper source of information will establish, that there have been more broken rails, broken wheels and broken connecting rods on the railroads of the Northern States during the last six weeks than have occurred during the summer months in the last five years. The only wonder is that there have not been more serious accidents-a fact which may be attribnted to the caution which comes from knowledge and which should receive the commendation instead of the complaints of passengers. - New York Sun.

THE bee, although somewhat of a rover, thinks his first duty is to hum.— CAN a E Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The "Bogardus Surprise."

REPRESENTATIVES of the press, the Mayor, two or three clergymen and several members of the Scientific Association took sleighs at the City Hall yesterday afternoon and drove out to Cass Avenue to witness the workings of a new invention lately brought out by John wood cobbler. "I should say I'd had Bogardus, the same gentleman who invented the newspaper office attachment known as the "Bogardus Kicker." It for six weeks? Hain't that experience took some little time to convince the newspaper fraternity that the Kicker was just the machine which had been looked for ever since newspapers began to "X" with each other, but this new invention will be sold on sight. It is called the "Bogardus Surprise," and is "Twelve. Why, any little boy ought a very simple piece of machinery. It can be attached to any sort of sleigh or

very heavy strain, and is furnished at a reasonable price. The object and diseases afflicting humanity are occa-workings of the invention were clearly sioned by people sleeping with their seen within five minutes after the party were on the ground. One was attached A NEW French appliance is an electo a cutter, the horse started off on a tric brake, which is made to operate on trot, and several children belonging to the Clay School at once rushed for the vehicle with the cry: "Here's a hitch!" A boy about twelve years old had only just caught on when the "Surprise" picked him off his roost, turned him end A FRENCH physician says that the defor end, shook him till his teeth rattled, and heaved him clear over the walk into a snow-bank. It was just three minutes until he got breath sufficient to re-

"Oh! you think you've done it, don't milk you!'

The next victim was a boy with a quart of molasses in a tin pail. The machine was given an extra pressure, as the boy was strong and fat, and he was turned end for end three times and pitched over the port-quarter in just seven seconds by the Mayor's watch. The pail of molasses struck a hitchingpost and was scattered a distance of eighteen paces, as paced by one of the elergymen. In two minutes from the time he was seized, the fat boy arose to his feet with the remark

"I guess I'd better walk the rest of the way home! In the course of an hour the "Surprise" was worked on fifteen different boys, none of whom will ever "hitch again as long as he lives. Total surprise and utter annihilation were complete in every instance, and yet no vic- tickle.

tim received a fatal injury. so promising a youth should have been Orders for fifty were given the invent- in New York is \$6 a quart. Thus do weighed in the balance and found or on the spot. The Mayor said of it: the luscious berries cheapen. We paid

> drive from sunrise to sunset." One of the savants passed his cigarcase around and remarked: "It will be of more value to the world

at large than a hundred-thousand-dollar One of the eminent divines gave an order for two and added: "Its effects on the moral status of the

next generation can not be appreciated in dollars and cents.' It is probable that at least one hundred of these machines will be at work on the principal streets before the week is out, and if your boy comes home limp and reserved and humble-minded needn't believe that a delivery sleigh ran over him unless you want to .- Detroit

A Curious Client.

Nor long ago a Brooklyn newspaper man received a note from a law firm, Smith, Jones & Smith, notifying him There is a best way of taking off the cap; let the boys know what that best dollars had been placed in their hands positions. The only person who can for collection, and instructing him that beat her for variety of attitudes is a boy he could save himself some trouble if told to sit still on a chair at a funeral. of politeness; let them know what that he'd come around and talk the matter Boston Post. . over. The journalist was perfectly prepared to converse on the subject, but he finds everything greased for the occadisinclined to pay, so he dropped in on

Smith, Jones & Smith, and notified them | have that he had some business for them. "There's a man in this town threatens to sue me," said he, " and I'm prepared to spend any amount to beat him. Can you undertake to carry me

through "Certainly!" ejaculated Smith, Jones

was a stranger. "What I want to do is to bother him," observed the client. "Can I bother him, whether I owe him or not?" "Well, we should smile!" remarked

Smith, Jones & Smith. "It'll take him "You are strangers to me, gentlemen," said the client, "though I hear you highly spoken of. Now, suppose he should sue me, how would you go to

"First, we should stave off the answer. Then we would take a lot of depositions de bene esse. Just before the trial we would issue a commission to examine witnesses in Siberia; other witnesses would be taken; we would have such engagements that we would stave the trial off, and if he got a judgment we would appeal. Yes, sir, he'd use up twenty years getting the money." "But what would the lawyers on the

other side be up to all this time? I'm told they're pretty smart fellows."
"Don't care. Who are they?" "I don't remember their names, but have got their letter. Here! what's

this? By Jove, gentlemen, they're Smith, Jones & Smith!" The partners looked aghast. "I hope that nothing I've said will be used against me," said the client, looking from one to the other. "I trust, gentlemen, that you won't give me away in this matter. It's an awful blunder on my part, but I sincerely hope you won't take any advantage of it."

Smith, Jones & Smith held a brief consultation. "Am I in much peril?" asked the

client, anxiously. "We think not," said Smith, Jones & "We are-eh-are-we are Smith. prepared to drop the proceedings. won't mention it, if you won't."

"I'll agree not to mention

"and I'll promise you my business in the future." There was some further conversation at an adjacent hotel, and, gentle reader, the only trouble is their names were not

Can a Boston school-boy be called a

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

Two pyramids built by a King of the Sixth Dynasty have been discovered to the north of Memphis. They were buried beneath the sand. The vaults and chambers are covered with inscriptions M. de Lessers counts on Italian lab orers to dig the Panama Canal. They bored the Mounts Cenis and Gothard

steady, frugal, and intelligent in such undertakings. THE outside fiber of the cocounut is being manufactured extensively for shoe-heels, and is said to be a most excellent substitute for leather. In fact, its wearing qualities are said to be su-perior to that of leather, and is much

tunnels, and are considered the most

cheaper. cutter in three minutes without the aid of any tool except a monkey wrench. It cities night air is often the best and is neat and compact, able to stand a purest air to be had in twenty-four hours, and that fully one-half of all the

windows shut. the wheel brake by means of electricity, generated during the motion of the train, and applied at pleasure. Experiments thus far made with this apparatus have proved entirely successful.

terioration of the race from improper feeding in infancy has become such a serious question in France that the govfrom the time the boy was picked up ernment now insists that children sent out to nurse (a common practice in that country) shall be reared on mother's

THE rare phenomenon of an inverted rainbow was observed at a Prussian town on the morning of November 25. The ends of the semi-circle, the center of which was the sun, rose and moved westward with the latter for some thirty minutes, when the appearance van-

SPEAKING, in a recent lecture, of Herschel's discovery that the sun is rapidly moving toward a point in the con stellation Hercules, Prof. Ball, the stronomer royal for Ireland, told his audience that at the end of the lecture they would be 5,000 miles nearer to it than they were at the beginning.

PITH AND POINT.

THE Cornell Review has discovered the mathematics of a kiss: it is a lip-

THE wholesale price of strawberries "It is simply immense. I shall now \$10 only two weeks ago. - Detroit Free

> THE person who would pick upon a banjo is entirely capable of pounding a piano, squeezing life out of an accordion or beating a drum .- New Orleans "THE height of the human figure,"

says some authority, "should properly be six times the length of the feet." This proves that St. Louis folks are too short .- Boston Post. A comic fellow walked into a parlor on his hands, with his feet in the air, at a party at Cynthiana, Ky. It was very funny, until a pistol fell from his pocket

and was discharged, wounding him riously. MR. GARFIELD, his wife, and the young lady who is to assist in doing the honors of the White House, have all been school teachers. The reins of Government will now be kept-taut .--Boston Transcript,

MARIE ROZE has been photographed in one hundred and fifty-eight different When a man begins to go down hill

sion, says a philosopher, who might have added that when he tries to climb up he finds everything greased for the occasion, too .- Philadelphia News. AFTER all the evidence was in, a Galveston Judge asked the accused, who was charged with stealing a watch, if he had anything more to offer. "I did have an old silver watch to offer you.

Judge, but my lawyer borrowed it and hasn't brought it back yet."—Galveston Boundary Between Russia and America.

ONE of the most important results of the trip of the schooner Yukon to the coast of Alaska last autumn, under charge of Commander W. H. Dall, was the determination of the boundary line between Russia and the United States. According to the treaty, this boundary line should pass between the two Diomede Islands without touching either. Commander Dall made a landing on Big Diomede Island, and had a short but satisfactory set of observations, which showed that the boundary line, as defined in the treaty, does actually pass between the two islands. These islands are granite domes rising in the center of Behring's Strait, their sides almost perpendicular from the action of the sea, and without beaches. A few gullies in the granite bluffs give access to a broken tableland on the top. There is a native village on each island. The Diomedes are frequented by millions of birds, and seal and walrus are also captured by the natives.

The Telephone on Railroads. De people ACCORDING to Engineering, the Edi-

son loud-speaking telephone is giving way in England before the Gower-Bell This latter form is largely telephone. used in the Post-office, and is also employed to some extent in railway signalng. In a recent experiment on the Southwestern Railroad, the telephones were simply connected between the existing wire for working the "block" system and the "earth." Conversation was then distinctly carried on, without interfering in the least with the ordinary signals; and it was curious to listen in the telephone and hear the sound of the name," replied the client, with a grin, train itself leaving the distant station simultaneously with the strokes of the signal bell indicating its departure. The reason of this simultaneous working is, that the magneto-electric telephone currents being of very weak strength and Smith, Jones & Smith. - Brooklyn Eagle. vibratory in character, are harmlessly superposed upon the powerful battery currents working the "block" instruments.